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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernstein (U.S. Patent 5,583,925) in view of Harlow et al. (U.S. Patent 5,206,901).

Regarding claim 1, Bernstein discloses the steps of: receiving an incoming call (col. 1, lines 44-45); processing and routing outgoing call legs associated with directory numbers to form a plurality of outgoing call legs and connecting an answered outgoing call leg, of the plurality of outgoing call legs, to the incoming call leg for a multiple leg telecommunication conferencing session (col. 1, lines 48-50). However, Bernstein does not disclose determining a plurality of secondary directory numbers associated with the primary directory number and monitoring answering of the plurality of outgoing call legs.

Harlow discloses determining a plurality of secondary directory numbers associated with the primary directory number ("a destination directory number") (col. 2, lines 9-19), and monitoring answering of the plurality of outgoing call legs (col. 2, lines 49-53).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to monitor answering outgoing call legs after routing them in order to either connect it to incoming call leg or alert it for a predetermined period of time then tear down the call.

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Claims 2, 19, and 36 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Bernstein discloses determining the directory numbers are configured for a conference mode (col. 3, line 67 thru col. 4, line 15).

Regarding claims 3, 20, and 37, Bernstein does not disclose continuing to alert an unanswered outgoing call leg, of the plurality of outgoing call legs, until a predetermined period of time has elapsed. Harlow discloses alerting applied to the lines associated with the primary and secondary directory numbers until one of the lines reports off-hook reads on claimed mentioned above. Obviously, alerting an unanswered outgoing call leg will stop after a predetermined period of time has expired in order to save system resource.

Regarding claims 4, 6, 21, 23, 38, and 40 Bernstein disclose when the predetermined period of time has elapsed, releasing any outgoing call leg, of the plurality of outgoing call legs, which has remained unanswered (col. 7, lines 2-5 and Fig. 6, 404-16, 404-18).

Claims 5, 22, and 39 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1 for the second route when a second predetermined period of time has elapsed.

Regarding claims 7, 24, and 41 Bernstein discloses the predetermined period of time is determined from a no answer time parameter (col. 7, lines 2-4).

Claims 8-10, 25-27, and 42-44 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Regarding claim 11, full duplex is simply well known in the multiple leg teleconference session. For example, outgoing call legs and incoming call legs.

Claims 12, 13, 28, 29, 45, and 46 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Bernstein discloses the directory numbers and a conference

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mode designation are predefined and stored in a database (Fig. 1, 225), and providing an interface with the database for subscriber determination of the plurality of secondary directory numbers and a conferencing mode is inherent.

Regarding claim 14, Bernstein discloses determining the plurality of directory numbers is performed by a database query designating the primary directory number (col. 1, lines 36-39).

Regarding claims 15, 16, 30, 31, 47, and 48 Bernstein discloses terminating the multiple leg telecommunication conference session upon termination of the incoming call leg, or a penultimate call leg remaining from a plurality of call legs forming the multiple leg telecommunication conferencing session (col. 7, lines 12-19).

Regarding claims 17, 32, and 49, Bernstein does not disclose concurrent alerting of a corresponding plurality of outgoing call legs. Harlow discloses concurrent alerting to a plurality of outgoing call legs (col. 6, lines 13-15).

Claim 18 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Bernstein a database having stored in a memory a plurality directory numbers (Fig. 1, 225 and col. 2, line 63 thru col. 3, line 3); and a switching center coupled to the database (Fig. 1, 205, 210, 215, and 220).

Regarding claim 33, the home location register is inherent in mobile communication.

Regarding claim 34, Bernstein does not disclose mobile switching center. Harlow discloses the switching center is a mobile switching center (col. 4, lines 16-19).

Regarding claim 35, Bernstein discloses the steps of: a network interface for reception of an incoming call leg designating a primary directory number and for transmission of an outgoing

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call leg; a memory (col. 3, lines 35-38) storing a plurality of directory; a processor coupled to the network interface and to the memory (col. 2, line 38 thru col. 3, line 3).

Regarding claim 50 Bernstein does not disclose mobile communication conferencing system. Harlow discloses a mobile switching center having an interface (col. 4, lines 16-19); a home location register is inherent in mobile communication; a conference bridge coupled to the mobile switching center is simply well known in the art. For example, participants use wireless telephone.

Claims 51-56 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claims 3 and 4, 5, 13, 15-17, respectively, since the mobile switching center is comprising: SESS switch and ECP, therefore same instructions processing as in regular switching environment.

Regarding claim 57, Bernstein does not disclose the reception of a LocationRequest containing the pilot directory number, the home location register transmits an ANSI-41 compatible LocationRequest RETURN RESULT to the mobile switching center, the ANSI-41 compatible LocationRequest RETURN RESULT containing a listing of each secondary directory number, the conference parameter, and corresponding routing, answering and terminating parameters for each secondary directory number. The use of ANSI-41 protocol is obvious at least in the mobile communications.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-57 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bertrand (U.S. Patent 6,408,173) discloses Billing ID correlation for inter-technology roaming (which discloses the use of ANSI-41 protocol in mobile communications). Harlow et al. (U.S. Patent 5,206,901) disclose method and apparatus for alerting multiple telephones for an incoming call.

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